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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND, \$4,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS, \$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—Hon. JOHN BELL-IRVING,
Deputy Chairman—W. H. FOWLES, Esq.
O. D. BOTTONLEY, S. O. MICHAELSEN,
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W. G. BROOKS, Esq.
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Esq.
N. A. SIERS, Esq.
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E. A. SOLOMON, Esq.
H. R. LAYTON, Esq.

Other Managers.
Hongkong, Manager.
Shanghai, Manager.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG,
INTEREST ALLOWED.

On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. " "

" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

Local Bills Discounted.

Letters of credit granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Bills discounted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 363

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week days, 10 to 3: Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one day.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more on their credit and at their option may draw the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on their deposit for 12 months at 1 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889. 754

Intimations.

A LADY (very good sailor) wishing to return to ENGLAND in the Spring, would be glad to give her Services, during the voyage, in return for her passage home.

Address, Miss EARLE,
c/o OFFICE OF THIS PAPER.

Hongkong, February 4, 1889. 218

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twentieth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Fetter's Street, on MONDAY, the 25th February, instant, at 1 o'clock (noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31, 1888, the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd day of February instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Hongkong, February 1, 1889. 180 288

Intimations.

DIOCESAN HOME & ORPHANAGE.

SCHOOL will REOPEN on MONDAY, 18th February. Boys are received as Boarders & Day-Scholars: Girls as Day-Scholars only. Arrangements are made for Girls to be comfortably boarded in the immediate neighbourhood and to attend as Day-Scholars.

EVENING CLASSES will be held for Persons unable to attend School by day.

For Terms, &c., apply to

THE HEAD MASTER.

Hongkong, February 14, 1889. 287

BANK HOLIDAYS.

HONGKONG RACE 8.

The Undermentioned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at Noon on WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY and FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd Instant.

For the Chartered Merchant Bank of India, London and China.

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

G. E. NOBLE,
Chief Manager.

For the Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
agent, Hongkong.

For the New Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited.

E. W. RUTTER,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 15, 1889. 294

THE SONGEI KOYAH PLANTING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Statutory General MEETING of this COMPANY will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on TUESDAY, the 19th Instant at 12.30 p.m.

GIBR LIVINGSTON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 4, 1889. 220

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION IN LIQUIDATION.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

PAYMENT OF 6th DIVIDEND.

A 6th DIVIDEND of 6% on all CLAIMS against the HONGKONG BRANCH of THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, which have been approved by the Court of Chancery, will be paid at the OFFICES of the NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED, on and after MONDAY, the 17th MARCH next.

Creditors are requested to apply to the Bank for their Dividends and to produce the letter they hold from the Official Liquidator, admitting their Claims, in order that the Payment of the 6th Dividend may be endorsed thereon.

NOTICE OF FINAL DIVIDEND IN ADVANCE UNDER DISCOUNT.

THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR by arrangement with THE ASSETS REALISATION CO. is prepared to PAY IN ADVANCE TO CREDITORS THE PROCEEDS OF THEIR CLAIMS, the Division of 5% payable for the year 1889, UNDER A DISCOUNT OF FIVE TWELFTHS PER CENT.

Creditors who are willing to accept Payment of the Final Dividend less discount as above are requested to communicate with the Undersigned BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT MONTH.

E. W. RUTTER,
Agent for the Official Liquidator,
Oriental Bank Corporation
in Liquidation.

2, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong, February 6, 1889. 235

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGIE DUASAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA-ORDINARY General MEETING of the PUNJOM and SUNGIE DUASAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 25th day of February, 1889, at 4 o'clock in the Afternoon, when the abovesigned Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$200,000 legally current in the Colony of Hongkong by the creation of 20,000 New Shares of \$10 each.

Subject to any direction to the contrary that may be given by the Meeting sanctioning the increase of Capital, the New Shares shall be offered to the Members in proportion to the existing Shares held by them, and such offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined, and after the expiration of such time or on the receipt of an intimation from the Member to whom such notice is given that he declines to accept the Share offered, such Share shall be dealt with by the Directors in their discretion, dated the 14th day of February, 1889.

By Order of the Board,

A. O'D. GOURLIN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1889. 288

Intimations.

HONGKONG AND CHINA BAKERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held on MONDAY, the 25th Instant, at 3 o'clock p.m., at the Company's Office.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, February 11, 1889. 267

THE CHINA-BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Twentieth Ordinary MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Three o'clock in the Afternoon of TUESDAY, the 19th February, 1889, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts, and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31 December, 1888.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th Proximo to the 19th Proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 170

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

A N EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's OFFICE, No. 5, Queen's Road, Victoria, at 3.15 o'clock p.m., of the 19th day of February, 1889, when the abovesigned Resolution will be proposed.

RESOLUTION.

That Article No. 9 of the Articles of Association be altered by eliminating the words "One Hundred Thousand" and substituting therefor the words "One Hundred and Fifty Thousand."

By Order,

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 28, 1889. 171

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING—1889.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, the 20th, 21st and 22nd February.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

For Confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be increased to the sum of \$200,000 legally current in the Colony of Hongkong by the creation of 20,000 New Shares of \$10 each.

Subject to any direction to the contrary that may be given by the Meeting sanctioning the increase of Capital, the New Shares shall be offered to the Members in proportion to the existing Shares held by them, and such offer shall be made by notice specifying the number of Shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer if not accepted will be deemed to be declined, and after the expiration of such time or on the receipt of an intimation from the Member to whom such notice is given that he declines to accept the Share offered, such Share shall be dealt with by the Directors in their discretion, dated the 14th day of February, 1889.

By Order,

H. J. H. TRIPP,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, February 12, 1889. 270

MASONIC BALL—1889.

NOTICE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the PRESENCE of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 20th, 21st and 22nd February next.

By Order,

ALF. WOOLLEY,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 14, 1889. 288

Business Notices.

LAND & GRAINGER & CO.

BEG TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THEIR VERY LARGE STOCK OF

LAMPS AND LANT

Intimations.

NOTICE.

LAWRENCE & MAYO'S PEELER PEBBLES



Are clear, cool, & preserving to the Sight.
MR. LAWRENCE is now in Hongkong,
and may be consulted at the
VICTORIA HOTEL,
For 14 Days ONLY
(till the 26th Inst.)

Mr. LAWRENCE's Pamphlet—
Ignorance of numerous Eye Diseases
Free on application.

LAWRENCE & MAYO,
Optical Ophtalmic Opticians,
LONDON, CALCUTTA & BOMBAY.

Hongkong, February 11, 1889. 266

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,

Surgeon Dentist,
(Formerly Qualified Apprentice and Late
Tutor to Dr. Rogers.)
At the urgent request of his European
& American patients and friends,
has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly
occupied by Dr. Rogers.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET
CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families
Sole Address:

2, DUDDELL STREET
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
Hongkong, January 12, 1889. 46

HONGKONG HIGH LEVEL TRAM-
WAYS COMPANY, LTD.
TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.
8 to 10 a.m., every quarter of an hour
12 m. 2 p.m., half hour.
3 m. 7 m., quarter of an hour

THURSDAYS.
NIGHT TRAMS at 10.45 and 11 p.m.

SUNDAYS.
10.40 a.m.; 12 m. to 3 p.m., every half hour
3 to 7 p.m., every quarter of an hour.
Special CARDS may be obtained at
the Supermarkets.

Single Tickets are sold in the Cars; Five-
Cent Coupons and Reduced TICKETS at the
Office.

McEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 2, 1889. 2

A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN
AFRICA.—By Mr. G. TAYLOR.

This Article, which has been reprinted
from the *China Review*, contains one of the
best Sketches of African Life yet written.
A few roughly-executed Woodcuts are
included in the pamphlet.

May be had—Price, \$1—at Messrs. LANE,
CRAWFORD & CO., and MESSRS. KELLY &
WALSH, LIMITED, Hongkong; also, Mr. N.
MOALLE, Amoy.
Hongkong, March 3, 1888. 363

Notices to Consignees.

GLEN LINE OF STEAM PACKETS.
FROM LONDON, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Glencon*, having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo by her and by the Steamship
Diamond from New York, are hereby
informed that their Goods are being landed
at their risk into the Godowns of the HONG-
KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWNS
CO., LTD., at Kowloon, whence delivery
may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before noon
NOON TO-DAY.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
16th instant will be subject to rent.

Claims are requested to present
all Claims for damages and/or shortages not
later than the 23rd instant, otherwise they
will not be recognized.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 11, 1889. 263

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.
S.S. CARDIGANSHIRE, FROM
HAMBURG, ANTWERP, LONDON,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of cargo are hereby in-
formed that all goods are being landed
at their risk into the Godowns of the KOW-
LOON WHARF & GODOWNS CO. at Kowloon,
whence and/or from the wharves delivery
may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m.
TO-DAY.

No claims will be admitted after the
goods have left the Godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered after the 24th
instant will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be
presented to the underwriters on or before
the 24th instant, or they will not be re-
cognized.

No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by
ADAMSON, BELL & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, February 13, 1889. 276

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be responsible for
any debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ADAM W. SPES, American barque, Capt.
A. D. Field.—BELL & CO.

ARCHOS, British barque, Captain C. HUN-
SOL—CHINESE.

GENERAL WEDDE, German steamer, Capt.
SCHUCHMANN—MELCHERS & CO.

STATE OF MAINE, American ship, Capt.
Nickels.—PURVIS & CO.

Enterprises & Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

THE HONGKONG CHORAL
SOCIETY
will repeatGILBERT & SULLIVAN'S OPERETTA
'IOLANTHE,'ON
SATURDAY,

the 23rd February, 1889.

Doors open at 8.30 p.m. Performance to
commence at 9 o'clock p.m.Tickets may be obtained from Messrs.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and after Mon-
day, 18th Instant, at 9 a.m.Tickets for Back Seats of the Stalls may
be had at the Doors of the Theatre on the
evening of the Performance.—Price, 5/-.R. LYALL,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 11, 1889. 264

ST. GEORGE'S HALL

C O N C E R T

will be given in the above Hall, on
W E D N E S D A Y ,

February 27th, In Aid of

THE HONGKONG BRANCH OF THE SOLDIERS' AND
SAILORS' FAMILIES' ASSOCIATION

Under the Distinguished Patronage of

MRS. GORDON CAMERON,

MRS. MAXWELL,

MRS. BRILL IRVING,

&c., &c., &c.

Doors open at..... 8.30 p.m.
To commence at..... 9.00.Tickets \$2 each, can be obtained at
MESSRS. KELLY & WALSH.

Hongkong, February 13, 1889. 268

INSURANCES.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF
His Majesty King George The First,

A.D. 1720.

THE Underwriters having been appointed
Agents for the above Corporation are
requested to transact business at Colwain:

Fire Department.

Policies issued for long or short periods
on Fire.

Safe Department.

Policies issued for sums not exceeding
\$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & CO.

Hongkong, October 10, 1888. 1760

NORTH BRITISH & MERCHANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.1912 Undersigned Agents of the above
Company, are authorized to insure
against FIRE at Current Rates.

GILMAN & CO.

Hongkong, January 1, 1889.

QUEBEC FIRE INSURANCE COM-
PANY.THE Undersigned Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to ACCEPT
RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1340

To-day's Advertisements.

St. JOHN LODGE OF HONGKONG,

No. 618, S. C.

A N Emergency MEETING of the above
Lodge will be held in the FREE-
MASON'S HALL, Zetland Street, on MON-
DAY NEXT, the 18th Instant, at 8.30 for 9
p.m. precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are
cordially INVITED.

Hongkong, February 13, 1889. 297

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

WEEKLY SPOON COMPETITION.

900 YARDS, 10 SHOTS.

ENTRANCE FEE 10 Cents payable on
the Ground.NEXT SATURDAY, 23rd Feb., 4
o'clock.

One Sighting Shot allowed.

CARBINES will be allowed Two Shots extra.

On THURSDAY AFTERNOONS the Range is
reserved for Practice at 800 and 900 Yards.

A. SHELTON HOOVER,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, February 10, 1889. 300

STEAMSHIP YANGTSE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of cargo are hereby in-
formed that all goods are being landed
at their risk into the Godowns of the KOW-
LOON WHARF & GODOWNS CO. at Kowloon,
whence and/or from the wharves delivery
may be obtained.Optional cargo will be forwarded unless
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TO-DAY.No claims will be admitted after the
goods have left the Godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered after the 24th
instant will be subject to rent.All claims against the steamer must be
presented to the underwriters on or before
the 24th instant, or they will not be re-
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No fire insurance has been effected.

Bills of lading will be countersigned by
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Hongkong, February 13, 1889. 276

Not Responsible for Debts.

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Owners will be responsible for
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Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:ADAM W. SPES, American barque, Capt.
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SOL—CHINESE.

GENERAL WEDDE, German steamer

4. In view of the magnitude of this profit and of the exceedingly favourable conditions accorded to them, His Excellency cannot suppose that there will be any hesitation on the part of the lot-holders in accepting this small addition to their holdings. For, grant as it may be that the lot-holders are not by the public known in this scheme, the Governor has been, and is still of opinion that they might have been much greater, the gain of the lot-holders being correspondingly less, by the adoption of the 2nd or 3rd alternative above indicated from the latter of which the Government is not even now entirely precluded, and, as there can be no doubt that one of the principal considerations which weighed with the Secretary of State in giving his provisional sanction to the scheme of the first alternative was the absence of delay, from litigation and otherwise, in respect of a work so important and difficult as the Governor trusts that you will have no difficulty in at once obtaining the consent of the lot-holders to the final terms now proposed, and thus enable the Ordinance authorising the scheme to be brought before the Legislature at an early day.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
FREDERICK STURWELL,
Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable C. P. Chater, Esq., &c., &c.

THE HONGKONG RACES.

"TIPS" FOR THE FIRST DAY

THE WONG-NEI-CHUNG STAKES.—Drunken is going very well, but as he is getting rather old, I repect him for Melotja; Hobson 2nd, Rosy Moon 3rd.

THE ASHLEY CUP.—This race will probably be won by Defiance; Honesty 2nd, Forrester 3rd, and Rosy Moon 4th.

THE LEE-SOONG DUNNY.—Panushing; Charming 2nd, Hobson 3rd.

THE LEONARD CUP.—Silken Head 1st,

proroguing every day, but after all I give the first place to St. Gobain, with Silken Head 2nd and Vendetta 3rd.

THE VALLEY STAKES.—Violent; Wiseacre 2nd, and Glenelg or Aerial 3rd.

THE FOOTHILL CUP.—Mr. Buxey's Jockey; Cleopatra 2nd, Mount Blanc 3rd.

THE CANTON CUP.—The race will probably be won by Mr. Buxey's Skippy; John Paul's Hotspur 2nd, and Chaser 3rd. If the last-named horse does not run in the Derby I should be inclined to give him first place here.

THE STURGE CUP.—Orlando, Mühlberg and Forrester.

THE COMPROMISES' CUP.—Violent again, if he does not win the Valley Stakes, Wiseacre or Aerial.

WINNING POST.

THE SEAWORTHINESS OF THE *Pasig*.

DECISION OF THE MARINE COURT OF INQUIRY.

A Marine Court, sitting as a Court of Survey, to enquire respecting a complaint made to the Government that the British s.s. *Pasig*, official number 54,335, of Hongkong, is unsafe and unfit to proceed to sea without danger to human life, met again at the Harbour Office this forenoon. The Court consisted of Commander R. M. Ramsey, R.N., stipendiary Magistrate (president); Mr. William Jones, engineer; Mr. H. Naval Yard; Mr. G. F. Laird, chief engineer; H. M. S. Wren, and Mr. David Tod, first class engineer, s.s. *Bataan*. The last-named gentleman was absent to-day.

The Government was represented by Mr. A. B. Johnson, Crown Solicitor. Mr. F. II. Wilson, (Messrs. Wotton and Deacon), appeared on behalf of the complainants, and Mr. E. Robinson, instructed by Mr. Wilkinson, appeared on behalf of the *Pasig*.

Commander Ramsey intimated that the Court was prepared to give its decision.

Mr. Robinson said he understood that the Court did not require any further evidence. I am ready to tender any evidence if the Court requires it.

Mr. Wilson.—On behalf of the complainant, before the Court makes any statement at all, I ask whether the decision now about to be given is the decision of the whole Court.

Commander Ramsey.—The finding has been signed. Can you give me any authority for asking the question you have put? If you do so I will look it up afterwards.

Mr. Wilson.—I am not prepared to quote any authority, but if it is not the judgment of the full Court, all the members agreeing to that judgment, I must ask you to note my objection.

Commander Ramsey.—If you formulate any objection I will look it up afterwards.

Mr. Wilson.—I say that any decision given by the remaining members of the Court is invalid.

Commander Ramsey.—Can you give me any authority for that?

Mr. Wilson.—I have no authority. There was a certain number of members of the Court appointed by the Government.

The objection was then taken down by the President as follows:—Mr. Wilson, on behalf of the complainant, objects that any decision that may be given by the three members of the Court present is invalid in the absence of the fourth member of the Court.

Mr. Robinson.—I should like you to consider, p. o. ready to make a written application, and ready to make an argument. (This was referred to the Court.) That is to refer to the Court to section 13, sub-section 10, paragraph d of the Ordinance, which I think meets the argument of Mr. Wilson.

It is as follows:—“The Court shall have the same power as the Governor to order the release of or finally detain; but unless the majority of the members of the Court agree in an order for the detention of the ship, the ship shall be released.”

The following finding was then read by the President:—

FINDING.

We find that the *Pasig*, Official No. 56335 of Hongkong, is a screw steamer of 257 tons, 45 Horse power, owned by Kwock Tok of Hongkong, and recently employed as a River steamer between Hongkong, Canton and Macao. It appears from Lloyd's Register of 1888-9 that she was built at Glasgow in 1867.

That in September, October and November 1888 she underwent certain repairs, after which she was granted a Passenger Certificate and River steamer Licence by the Governor, on the declaration of the Acting Government Marine Surveyor, dated 26th November 1888, that the vessel was in good condition and fit for the services intended until 18th November next.

That on the 22nd November last a letter was addressed to the Colonial Secretary by Mr. Thomas Arnold, Secretary Hongkong, Carlow and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, and Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Agents for the China Navigation Company, London, and Mr. James, Marine Surveyor, stating that the conclusions drawn from those reports were strongly condemnatory of the *Pasig*'s seaworthiness either for cargo and, as an inference, for passengers, and requesting that an immediate independent survey of the *Pasig* be held, coupled with an examination of Messrs. Burles and Andersen and also of the Government Marine Surveyor.

4.—That in a further letter dated 6th December, 1888, when the *Pasig* had been received from the Colonial Secretary, it was stated that “the Governor is advised that the requirements of the law with regard to the survey of the steamer *Pasig* having been complied with and the Government Surveyor having given the necessary declaration therupon the *Pasig*'s Certificate cannot be withheld, and that therefore, it is not intended to constitute a Board of Survey as the Government Marine Surveyor's report is made expressly on the very point in question viz: the seaworthiness of the vessel.” Mr. Arnold and Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, writing as before on the subject, requested that the *Pasig* be retained by the Government, and the *Pasig* having been removed from the boiler space; 5 ironbolts in the boiler space were removed how and I propose to go on with it to-day.

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